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TOPIC Enlargement of the TEMPLIN Troop Training Grounds~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

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1. a. On 21 December 1949 it was learned that about 800 German workers were cutting a clearing near ALTPLACHT (N 54/U 81) in the direction of FUERSTENBERG (N 54/U 52). The work was scheduled to be completed by 1 April 1950. The workers, who had been drafted, were **driven daily** from TEMPLIN (N 54/U 81), ZEHDENICK (N 54/U 70) and other neighboring localities.

b. The works in the ALTPLACHT area were inspected by a Soviet commission between 5 and 10 December 1949. The German workmen were withdrawn from their work before the commission arrived.

c. A lumberman stated that about 25,000 cubic meters of wood were to be cut in the ALTPLACHT area.

2. On 28 December 1949 only an infantry guard detail of about 50 men was stationed in the summer camps near TEMPLIN. Local residents said that troops from these camps had left toward PRENZLAU (N 54/U 04) in October 1949.

a. Under Soviet supervision, German workmen did deforesting work in the woods of the troop training grounds. It was said that practice ranges and more cantonment buildings were to be constructed up to April 1950.

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